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Dear Sirs:

I am very concerned about the idea of dredging up contaminants from the Willamette and spilling them into the river again. I have heard that the plan is based on a study that was done 12 years ago. I know making a plan can take time but in 12 years a river can change a lot and with the newer laws restricting what goes into the river the river has had a chance to clean itself naturally. If there is updated data I would urge you to look at that and consider a less extreme and costly plan.

Years ago the Portland waterfront was an eyesore. Then innovative businessmen took action and have created the park areas along the waterfront that attract many businesses, visitors and residents to come enjoy the area. Portland has also been a river economy city. I am disturbed thinking that part of this area would be torn up or shut down for who knows how long (things tend to take longer than we think) and disrupt business, commuting and recreation.

The cost is another concern. Yes, we want a clean river but this current plan is extremely invasive to the river and costly to the residents of Portland. A less invasive and less costly plan would still accomplish what is needed. Portland residents are already struggling just to pay for housing; as you can tell from our increased homeless problem. The cost of this project is just another load on their backs. I implore you to find a better way.

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